

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for legislation to require that all legislative petitions or other legislative documents contain a statement of intent. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE STATEMENTS OF INTENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The legislative intent of this bill is to require the
2 inclusion of statements of intent on all petitions filed with the
3 general court, and to further require subsequent statements of
4 intent by any commissions or committees of the general court for
5 actions taken, if any, with regard to bills reported favorably.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by inserting at the end thereof the following new section: —

3 Section . At the time of filing a petition with the clerk of
4 either the house of representatives or the senate, the bill, order,
5 resolve, resolution, or amendment accompanying the petition
6 shall include a statement of legislative intent, which shall include
7 but not be limited to the need for and the purpose of the bill,
8 order, resolve, resolution or amendment. Said statement shall be
9 printed as part of the bill, order, resolve, resolution or
0 amendment.

11 A legislative statement of intent shall accompany each bill,
12 order, resolve, resolution or amendment reported favorably by
13 any special or standing committee or commission of the general
14 court. Said statement shall include but not be limited to the need
15 for and the purpose of the accompanying legislation, and shall be
16 printed as part of the bill, order, resolve, resolution, or
17 amendment.

